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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kouji KITA  
Application No.: 09/915,532 ✓  
Filing Date: July 27, 2001  
Title : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE,  
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
FOR RECORDING IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM

Art Unit: 2621  
Examiner: Sherali, I.

Notice of Allowance Mailing Date: May 9, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

BUT BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE (37 CFR 1.97(d))

INCLUDING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311 but before the payment of the Issue Fee.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d):

- 1) Accompanying this transmittal is a certification, as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).
- 2) Applicants hereby petition for the consideration of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2).
- 3) Applicants submit the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) (\$180.00).

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The required fees are calculated below:

Information Disclosure Statement Fee (set forth in 37 CFR. 1.17(p))	<u>\$180.00</u>
TOTAL FEE DUE:	<u>\$180.00</u>

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER  
FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO THE  
CREDIT CARD NUMBER LISTED ON THE ATTACHED CREDIT CARD PAYMENT  
FORM (PTO-2038 FORM), REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.  
0088/002001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 12, 2005

  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner. An English language abstract is also enclosed.

Enclosed also is a new Japanese reference that was cited and discussed in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed on April 26, 2005 from Japan Patent Office in the Priority Application. The relevance of this reference can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

It is hereby certified that each new item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof.

The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under § 1.97(d) is currently due. As stated in the attached Transmittal Letter, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee and any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to the Credit Card number listed on the attached Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038 Form), referencing Attorney Docket No. 0088/002001.

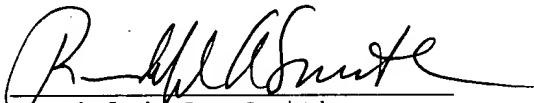
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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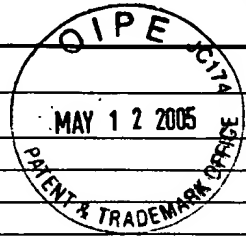
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<sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.